Reading, Writing, and Math Coaches - Accelerating Learning!

Promising Practices Making It Happen

Vigo County School Corporation is Making it Happen!



OUR STUDENTS & FAMILIES The Vigo County School Corporation, located in Terre Haute, Indiana, is a mixture of rural, urban, and suburban populations with a 14,906 student enrollment. The VCSC has 18 elementary schools, five middle schools, and five high schools. The free/reduced lunch rate is 54.7%, and the special education rate is 19.4%. The VCSC provides ELL support to 187 limited English students (1.2767%) representing 35 different native languages.

OUR COACHES

The Vigo County School Corporation (VCSC) believes in the importance of strong teacher leadership. To ensure higher academic achievement and continual growth, the VCSC has invested in districtwide reading coaches, writing coaches, and math liaisons.

OUR PROMISING PRACTICE

The coaches collaborate and model best practices in reading, writing, and math alongside classroom teachers and assist schools in aligning quality instruction with higher levels of college to career readiness standards. The coaches directly instruct in classrooms across the district and share standards-based lessons in English/language arts and math. The coaches provide assessment leadership by using ISTEP+ rubrics to determine focus areas for instruction for the state standards and compile statistics reflecting student improvement.

OUR STEPS

Through both the general fund and federal grants, the VCSC has invested in quality teacher leadership to implement with this promising practice. The coaches provide a sustained organizational infrastructure and culture that support comprehensive improvement across the district and within all buildings.

Promoting strong reading, writing, and math skills for all children is an essential component of school improvement by focusing on prevention as opposed to remediation in the early years.

IN OUR OWN WORDS

"The writing teacher has become a valuable tool in facilitating more interest in the writing process for these 2nd grade students. My son looks forward to Tuesday mornings when the writing co-teacher comes to his room, because she makes it fun and interesting to learn. I've noticed that he will take the time to rewrite his spelling sentences to make them more interesting and to use his 'power verbs' that she has taught him to use." - Parent

"Having a writing teacher gives me the opportunity to spend more time working individually with my children." -Second Grade Classroom Teacher